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MEMORANDUM FOR: Counter Intelligence Staff

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ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Information Concerning Polish Knowledge of  
U-2 Overflights

REFERENCE : Memo to Director, Office of Security, Department  
of State, from CI Staff; subj: same as above;  
(DS-2134); undated

In response to your query regarding possible Polish Government protests of U-2 overflights, the following is submitted:

1. On 16 July 1956, the Polish Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Romuald Spasowski, officially protested to the State Department that American aircraft had overflown Polish cities. His protest note demanded that the flights be stopped and that those responsible be punished. It stated that certain cities in Poland including Poznan, Cracow, Warsaw, Lublin and other cities had been overflown on June 20th, July 2nd, and July 4th. The aide-memoire of the Polish Government on this matter was handed to the then Deputy Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Murphy. Mr. Murphy indicated that appropriate inquiries would be made.

2. Press publications at the time reported the protest and stated that the matter was referred to the Defense Department. At the same time, it was announced by the Air Force that none of its planes were involved. No formal reply was ever made to the note.

3. It should be noted that the dates and times specified in the diplomatic note were accurate; flights had taken place at the time. However, neither the note nor the newspaper publicity referred to the U-2 specifically.

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